Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether all the persons implicated in the F. I. R. have been arrested?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to understand then that only six persons were implicated?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar Yes, so far as I know.

G. O. prohibiting registry of lands in Devicolam.

53. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a G. O. was issued in 1096, prohibiting further registry of lands in Devicolam for cardamom cultivation; and

(*b*) whether, when members representing Devicolam urged in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that the G. O. be cancelled, the Dewan-President was repeatedly pleased to announce that the lands were reserved for Travancoreans and that the G. O. would be cancelled when Devicolam became accessible to Travancoreans by the opening of the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) A G. O. was issued in 1096 prohibiting further registry in Devicolam for cardamom cultivation.

(*b*) In the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Dewan announced thus:

"I take it that your representation raised three points. The first point is the registry of lands within the Cardamom Reserve. As regards that, I might say that Government passed the order reserving that land for the benefit of the people of the State and the question of relaxing the strictness of that rule is being considered by Government" (*vide* Proceedings of the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, page 26).

Scarcity of drinking water in Perumpavur.

54. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is scarcity of drinking water in the summer season in the town of Perumpavur;

(*b*) whether there are public wells in Perumpavur town;

(*c*) if so, their number and location;

(*d*) whether the wells (if any) existing are able to meet the demand for water for drinking purposes in the summer season for the inhabitants; and

(*e*) whether there will be water in the well in the campshed at Perumpavur during the major part of the summer season?

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Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 3—one to the south of the Perumpavur Pakuthy Cutcherry, another near the vegetable market and the third near the Munsiff's Court.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member how those who go to the campshed manage for drinking water?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: From the neighbouring wells where there is water.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Are there neighbouring wells which are available for those who go to the campshed?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I should think so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does the member know the locality where such water is available?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I do not know in which well there is water.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know, when there is no water in the public well, whether there will be water in the neighbouring well?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: May be.

Appointment of Mr. A. Averah as Assistant Examiner in Malayalam for the V. S. L. C. Examination held in March 1935.

55. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. A. Averah was an Assistant Examiner in Malayalam Texts for the V. S. L. C. Examination held in March 1935;

(*b*) whether it is also a fact that Mr. Averah is employed as a Munshi in one of the aided schools in Cochin State; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that under the rules in force a teacher in Cochin service is not competent to be an Examiner for the V. S. L. C. Examination in this State?

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, what were the circumstances that induced the Government to act against the rules in his case; and

(*e*) who appointed him as the Assistant Examiner?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*). This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*e*) The Director of Public Instruction.

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